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PART I--SUMMARY.

1. THE OVER-ALL MILITARY SITUATION IN VIET-NAM HEATED UP THIS WEEK, DUE IN LARGE PART TO A NEARLY THREEFOLD INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN THE DELTA. IN MR-1, WHERE THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES ALSO ROSE, THE MAJOR SIGNIFICANT ACTION CONTINUED TO BE CENTERED NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS IN THUA THIEN. ARVN UNITS DEFENDING TRUOI BRIDGE WERE GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL, THOUGH COMMUNIST ATTACKS EARLY IN THE WEEK DISPERSED THE 147TH RF BATTALION. THE ELEVENTH AIRBORNE BATTALION ABANDONED TEN OUTPOSTS UNDER COMMUNIST ATTACK ON CON TRE MOUNTAIN. THE CAMPAIGN IN QUANG NAM SEEMS TO HAVE STABILIZED. INCIDENTS THERE ARE NOW MOSTLY ABFS AND LIGHT SKIRMISHES. COMMUNIST FORCES IN QUANG NGAI SCORED SEVERAL SUCCESSES IN GENERALLY MODERATE FIGHTING, INCLUDING OVERRUNNING AN RF BATTALION PROTECTING WHAT HAD BEEN THE LAST TWO GVN COASTAL SETTLEMENTS IN SOUTHERN BINH SON AND SON TINH DISTRICTS. QL 1 WAS MINED SEVERAL TIMES THROUGHOUT THE REGION, RESULTING IN TEMPORARY INTERRUPTIONS OF TRAFFIC. THE LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR-2 INCREASED SLIGHTLY, ALTHOUGH THE INTENSITY OF FIGHTING DIMINISHED, AS REFLECTED IN LOWER OVER-ALL CASUALTIES. THE ARVN EFFORT TO PUSH COMMUNIST FORCES OUT OF KEY TERRAIN IN BINH DINH HAS STALLED, DESPITE REPEATED DETERMINED ASSAULTS SUPPORTED BY AIR AND ARTILLERY. THE FSB 711 AREA OF PLEIKU WAS QUIET AS THE 64TH AND 84TH NVA REGIMENTS HAVE WITHDRAWN. ACTIVITY IN KONTUM REMAINED SMALL SCALE, AND THERE ARE REPORTS THE COMMUNISTS ARE IMPROVING THEIR LOCS NORTHEAST OF KONTUM CITY. ATTACKS THIS WEEK IN BINH THUAN WERE DIRECTED AGAINST THE SONG LUY RESETTLEMENT SITE AND PROVINCE LOCS. THE SONG LUY VILLAGERS STEADFASTLY IGNORED VC DEMANDS THAT THEY LEAVE THE SITE. ACITIVITY IN MR-3 DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY THIS WEEK. THE DROP WAS REFLECTED IN TOTAL CASUALTIES, THOUGH THE NUMBER OF GVN FORCES KILLED ROSE. NVA/VC FORCES IN BINH LONG SHELLLED RF
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POSITIONS SOUTH OF AN LOC DAILY. IN THE THREE MAJOR SCENES OF CONFLICT--TAY NINH, BEN CAT,AND NORTHERN BIEN HOA--THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY WAS OFF, CONSISTING MOSTLY OF SPORADIC SHELLINGS AND LIMITED GROUND CONTACTS. THERE WERE NINE TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN THE REGION THIS WEEK. AN F-5B ENROUTE FROM BIEN HOA TO MR-2 DISAPPEARED SEPT 13, AND NO TRACE OF IT HAS YET BEEN FOUND. IN MR-4 THE LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY ROSE SHARPLY THIS WEEK. CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES WERE UP, THOUGH TVN LOSSES WERE SHARPLY HIGHER. THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING WAS IN KIEN PHONG AND WESTERN DINH TUONG. VC/NVA MAIN FORCE UNITS REPEATEDLY ATTACKED NINE OUTPOSTS IN KIEN PHONG. OVERRUNNING FOUR. ALL FOUR WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RETAKEN. IN KIEN TUONG, A RECON COMPANY OF THE SEVENTH DIVISION AMBUSHED AND KILLED 66 INFILTRATORS IN TUYEN NHON DISTRICT. THERE WERE SEVERAL INCIDENTS OF LOC

INTERDICTION IN VINH LONG; ROADBLOCKS APPEARED ON ROUTE 7A AND TWO BRIDGES ON ROUTE 39 WERE BLOWN UP. THERE ARE REPORTS FROM KIEN HOA AND VINH LONG OF LOW TROOP MORALE. MOST OF THE POPULATION OF PHONG DIEN DISTRICT TOWN IN PHONG DINH HAVE LEFT THEIR HOMES FOLLOWING REPEATED MORTAR ATTACKS. ACTIVITY IN AN XUYEN AND BA XUYEN CONSISTED MOSTLY OF INCREASED VNA/VC PRESSURE ON OUTPOSTS, THOUGH A VC SQUAD ALSO MANAGED TO INFILTRATE THE BA XUYEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT, CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE. ACTIVITY IN CHUONG THIEN INCREASED, WITH REPEATED SHELLING OF KIEN HUNG DISTRICT TOWN. THE ICCS HAS INSTRUCTED ITS MILITARY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE PLANS TO EVACUATE TEAM SITES AND REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IF SERVICES BY THE CONTRACTOR, PA AND E, CEASE. THE COMMUNISTS CONTINUED THEIR BOYCOTT OF THE FPJMT AND TPJMT SESSIONS INTO ITS THIRTEENTH WEEK.

PART II--ICCS.

2. THE ICCS INSTRUCTED ITS MILITARY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE PLANS TO EVACUATE TEAM SITES AND REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IF SERVICES BY THE CONTRACTOR, PA AND E, CEASE. THE ICCS STILL HAS NO FUNDS WITH WHICH TO PAY PA AND E ITS BILL, AND THE COMMISSION HAS INFORMED US THAT IT WILL NOT ACCEPT A "PARTIAL SOLUTION" FROM THE CONTRIBUTORS IN THE FORM OF SMALL CHECKS.

3. DCM IDRIS OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION HAS BEEN ORDERED TO RETURN TO JAKARTA ON SEPT. 22, SHORTENING HIS TOUR BY TWO WEEKS. HE EXPECTS TO HEAD THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
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DIRECTORATE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

PART III--FPJMT, TPJMC AND RELATED MATTERS.

4. THE DRV/"PRG" BOYCOTT OF THE FPJMT AND TPJMC PLENARY SESSIONS CONTINUED INTO ITS THIRTEENTH WEEK.

5. THE GVN DELEGATION TO THE TPJMC WAS SHOCKED AND SADDENED BY THE UNTIMELY DEATH SEPT 15 OF COLONEL BUI QUY CAO, THE CHIEF OF TPJMC REGION TWO. COLONEL CAO WAS A PASSENGER ABOARD THE AIR VIETNAM 727 HIJACKED SUNDAY. THE PLANE BLEW UP, KILLING EVERYONE ABOARD.

PART IV--COMMUNIST MEDIA COMMENT.

NOTHING TO REPORT.

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PART V--MR-1.

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

ACCORDING TO I CORPS HEADQUARTERS, THERE WERE 341 COMMUNIST
CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS DURING THE WEEK, AN INCREASE OVER THE

PREVIOUS WEEK. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FIGHTING FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE WEEK OCCURRED IN PHU LOC DISTRICT OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE, WHERE COMMUNIST FORCES ATTACKED ARVN POSITIONS DEFENDING

1. 1. ACTIVITY IN QAWNLGI

PROVINCE INCREASED SLIGHTLY. THE SITUATION IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE SEEMS TO HAVE STABILIZED, WHILE IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE COMMUNIST FORCES CONTINUED PRESSURE ON SELECTED AREAS. GVN CASUALTIES: 165 KIA; 86 MISSING; 790 WOUNDED. COMMUNIST CASUALTIES: 373 KIA; 3 CAPTURED; 2 RETURNEES. VNAF FLEW 112 COMBAT AIR SORTIES.

2. NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

EXCHANGES OF FIRE IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE INCREASED DURING THE WEEK. SIX COMMUNIST ABF'S WERE REPORTED; MARINE POSITIONS RETURNED FIRE FOUR TIMES. CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE TO POSITIONS WERE LIGHT ON BOTH SIDES.

3. THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING IN MR 1 DURING THE WEEK OCCURRED AGAIN IN PHU LOC DISTRICT OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE. EARLY IN THE WEEK, THE 127TH RF BATTALION, OPERATING EAST OF TRUOI BRIDGE, WAS DISPERSED BY COMMUNIST ATTACKS. ON SEPTEMBER 14, THE COMMUNISTS LAUNCHED COORDINATED ATTACKS ON POSITIONS OF SEVERAL BATTALIONS OF THE ARVN 1ST DIVISION SOUTHWEST OF TRUOI BRIDGE. ARVN HELD THEIR POSITIONS, AND MORE THAN 150 COMMUNIST SOLDIERS WERE REPORTED KILLED, MOSTLY BY ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES. ARVN CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED TO BE MODERATE. WEST OF HUE, COMMUNIST FORCES ATTACKED OUTPOSTS OF THE 11TH AIRBORNE BATTALION ON CON TRE MOUNTAIN; TEN OUTPOSTS WERE ABANDONED AND THE AIRBORNE REPORTED 3 KILLED AND 11 MISSING AGAINST 2 COMMUNIST KIA. ALSO WEST CONFIDENTIAL

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OF HUE, OUTPOSTS OF THE 15TH RANGER GROUP RECEIVED SEVERAL SMALL ABF'S AND GROUND PROBES. TWO CULVERTS AND THE PHU LOC BRIDGE ON Q.L. 1 WERE MINED, EACH TIME INTERRUPTING TRAFFIC TEMPORARILY.

4. SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

THE MAIN FORCE CAMPAIGN IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE APPEARS TO HAVE STABILIZED. ARVN AND AIRBORNE UNITS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE PROVINCE RECEIVED NUMEROUS ABF'S (ALTHOUGH THESE ATTACKS WERE LESS INTENSE THAN IN PREVIOUS WEEKS) AND ENGAGED IN LIGHT SKIRMISHING. ARVN USED ARTILLERY FIRE COORDINATED BY GROUND AND AIR OBSERVERS AND CLAIM TO HAVE DESTROYED SEVERAL COMMUNIST TANKS AND ARTILLERY POSITIONS. BEHIND THE FRONT LINES, TERRITORIAL FORCES CONTINUED OPERATIONS, CLEANING UP POCKETS OF COMMUNIST TROOPS, PRINCIPALLY IN DIEN BAN AND DUY XUYEN DISTRICTS. DUC DUC DISTRICT TOWN WAS ROCKETED ONCE (THREE ROUNDS). A BRIDGE ON A PROVINCIAL ROAD LINKING Q.L. 1 WITH MARBLE MOUNTAIN WAS BLOWN UP ON SEPTEMBER 16.

5. IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE, ACTIVITY REMAINED LIGHT. THREE SMALL

CONTACTS WERE REPORTED NEAR HAU DUC DISTRICT, RESULTING IN 4 COMMUNISTS KIA.

6. COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN QUANG NGAI CONTINUED AT A MODERATE LEVEL, PRINCIPALLY IN EASTERN BINH SON AND IN SOUTHERN NGHIA HANH DISTRICT. ON SEPTEMBER 11, THE 3RD BATTALION OF THE 5TH REGIMENT (2ND DIVISION) CAME UNDER HEAVY ATTACK IN SOUTHERN NGHIA HANH. THIS BATTALION SUFFERED 5 KIA, 61 WIA, 60 MIA AND LOST CONSIDERABLE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING CREW-SERVED WEAPONS AND RADIOS. OTHER GVN ATTEMPTS TO RETAKE POSITIONS WHICH MIGHT BLOCK POSSIBLE COMMUNIST ATTACKS TOWARD SONG VE TOWN AND Q.L. 1 MET STILL STRONG OPPOSITION AND WERE GENERALLY UNSUCCESSFUL. IN BINH SON DISTRICT, COMMUNIST FORCES OVERRAN A REGIONAL FORCE BATTALION PROTECTING AN HAI HAMLET (BINH DUC VILLAGE, BINH SON DISTRICT) AND SON HAI VILLAGE (SON TINH DISTRICT) WHICH HAD BEEN THE LAST REMAINING COASTAL SETTLEMENTS IN GVN HANDS IN SOUTHERN BINH SON DISTRICT AND SON TINH DISTRICT. 104 RF WERE EVACUATED BY BOAT FROM AN HAI; 34 RF WERE REPORTED KILLED, AND 41 ARE STILL MISSING. OF THE SIX LOWLAND DISTRICT TOWNS, ONLY TU NGHIA WAS SPARED ABF'S INTO POPULATED AREAS. THE COMMAND POST OF THE 6TH REGIMENT (2ND DIVISION) AT FIRE BASE BRONCO IN DUC PHO DISTRICT RECEIVED TWO CONFIDENTIAL

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ABF'S OF 122 MM ROCKET. A CULVERT ON Q.L. 1 WAS BLOWN UP IN BINH SON DISTRICT, BLOCKING TRAFFIC TEMPORARILY. AN AMBUSH IN PHO XUAN VILLAGE, DUC PHO DISTRICT, KILLED TWO VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND ONE RD CADREMAN.

7. ICCS: IN ICCS REGION 1, NO OBSERVATIONS OR INVESTIGATIONS WERE REPORTED. IN ICCS REGION 2, THE INDONESIAN AND IRANIAN DELEGATIONS CONDUCTED THREE OBSERVATIONS: ONE IN DANANG AND TWO IN SON TINH DISTRICT OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. ICCS PERSONNEL IN REGIONS I AND II DO NOT APPEAR OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMMINENT TERMINATION OF THE PA&E CONTRACT. ALL FOUR DELEGATIONS REMAIN AT TEAM SITES.

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PART VI--MR-2.

1. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH THE LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY INCREASED SLIGHTLY THIS WEEK, THE INTENSITY OF CONFLICT DIMINISHED. NO MAJOR CONTACTS WERE REPORTED AS THE COMMUNISTS EMPHASIZED ATTACKS BY FIRE, THE USE OF SMALLER UNITS TO ASSAULT ARVN POSITIONS AND LOC'S AND CONDUCTED RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING. MR-II HQS REPORTS THAT THE 320TH NVA DIVISION HAS DISENGAGED FROM THE PLEI ME-FSB 711 AREA AFTER SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES IN RECENT GROUND ACTION THERE. THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 320TH DIVISION HAS RELOCATED TO A FORWARD POSITION 17 KMS WEST OF FSB LE NGOC. NORTHEAST OF PLEIKU, COMMUNIST FORCES ATTEMPTED TO INTERDICT QL-19 BY CONDUCTING A SERIES OF AMBUSHES OF BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY TRAFFIC. AN ATTEMPT BY THREE COMMUNIST SAPPERS TO BLOW THE AMMUNITION DUMP SITUATED ON THE EDGE OF PLEIKU AFB WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS HAVE SIGHTED SEVERAL BULLDOZERS

AND GROUPS OF WORKERS IMPROVING COMMUNIST CONTROLLED LOC'S NORTHEAST OF KONTUM CITY. ARVN'S PUSH TO DRIVE NVA FORCES BACK INTO THEIR BASE AREAS IN BINH DINH PROVINCE REMAINS STALLED. BINH THUAN REGISTERED ITS HIGHEST INCIDENT TOTAL SINCE THE JANUARY 73 CEASEFIRE.

2. IN A SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMANDERS HELD AT CORPS HQS, SEPTEMBER 16, THE G-2 STATED THAT THE COMMUNISTS DO NOT PRESENTLY HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF LAUNCHING A MAJOR OFFENSIVE IN PLEIKU BUT THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO SEIZE AND HOLD STRATEGIC POSITIONS IN NORTHERN BINH DINH IN OPERATIONS POSSIBLY SUPPORTED BY TANKS. THE 22RD DIVISION COMMANDER, BG NIEM, ASSERTED THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE DETERMINED TO HOLD TERRITORY UNDER THEIR IMMEDIATE CONTROL AND WILL TRY TO REGAIN LAND WHICH THEY LOST TO ARVN. BG TUONG, COMMANDER OF THE 23RD DIVISION STATED HIS BELIEF THAT COMMUNIST FORCES WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT HARASSING ACTIONS AGAINST GVN UNITS AND LOC'S. GEN TUONG ANTICIPATES INTERDICTION EFFORTS DIRECTED AGAINST QL-19 AND QL-14. HE ALSO EXPECTS A NOV-DEC COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE IN QUANG DUC PROVINCE.

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3. INCIDENT TOTALS FOR THE WEEK WERE 84, UP FROM 69 THE PREVIOUS WEEK, WITH 78 PERCENT OF THE ACTIVITY OCCURRING IN THE LOWLANDS AND 22 PERCENT IN THE HIGHLANDS. BINH DINH HAD THE HIGHEST INCIDENT TOTAL WITH 57. RVNAF CASUALTIES WERE UP SLIGHTLY TO 89 KIA COMPARED WITH 52 KIA A WEEK AGO WHILE COMMUNIST LOSSES WERE DOWN TO 163 KIA AS OPPOSED TO 247 KIA. THE USE OF AIR ASSETS DECREASED WITH TAC AIR DOWN 37 PERCENT TO 108 MISSIONS, VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE DOWN 20 PERCENT TO 101 MISSIONS, AND HELICOPTER USE DOWN 38 PERCENT TO 681 MISSIONS.

4. BINH DINH: FIGHTING IN BINH DINH CENTERED ON EFFORTS TO PUSH ENTRENCHED COMMUNIST UNITS OFF KEY TERRAIN WHICH IMPEDES ARVN'S PROGRESS TOWARDS COMMUNIST BASE AREAS. DESPITE REPEATED, DETERMINED ASSAULTS SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY AND TAC AIR TO DISLODGE THE COMMUNISTS, ARVN GROUND FORCES HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. NUI CHEO MOUNTAIN IN HOAI NHON DISTRICT STANDS IN THE WAY OF ARVN'S LINE OF ATTACK AGAINST NVA SUPPLY ROUTES FROM THE AN LAO VALLEY. A GOVERNMENT UNIT WHICH OCCUPIED THE SUMMIT OF THE HILL BRIEFLY ON THE 9TH BEFORE BEING DRIVEN OFF BY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE, OBSERVED "NUMEROUS" VC/NVA BODIES AND WEAPONS. ARVN CASUALTY TOTALS FOR THE WEEK ARE UP TO 67 KIA AND 159 WIA OVER LAST WEEK'S 37 KIA AND 113 WIA. THE PREPONDERANCE OF THESE LOSSES WAS SUFFERED AT NUI CHEO AND ALSO AT DOI DA HILL IN PHU CAT. COMMUNIST CASUALTY TOTALS DROPPED SLIGHTLY FROM 77 KIA TO 64 KIA. ACTIVITY IN THE REMAINDER OF THE PROVINCE CONSISTED OF SHELLINGS OF GVN POSITIONS AND BRIEF ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN SMALL UNITS OF THE OPPOSING FORCES. ACCORDING TO AN ARVN INTELLIGENCE SOURCE, ELEMENTS OF THE 17TH AA BN IN COORDINATION WITH THE 14TH ENGINEER BN OF THE 3RD NVA DIV ARE PREPARING TO ATTACK THE BANG LANG AND NHONG PASSES IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNIST OBJECTIVES IN THE

HOAI NHON AREA.

5. PLEIKU: THE PLEIKU FSB 711 AREA WAS KIET AS THE 84TH AND 64TH NVA REGIMENTS WITHDREW TO THE WEST TO REGROUP. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE THEY SUSTAINED HEAVY CASUALTIES DURING THEIR RECENT ATTACKS. CORPS BRIEFING OFFICERS STATE THAT THEY BELIEVE THESE UNITS ARE WAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AFTER THE "SETBACK" INCURRED AT PLEI ME AND THAT THEY WILL CONDUCT SMALL PROBES AND HARASSING ATTACKS OF PROVINCIAL LOC'S IN THE INTERIM. ON SEPTEMBER 9, THREE VC SAPPERS CARRYING PACKS OF EXPLOSIVES WERE KILLED BY A CLAYMORE MINE WHILE ATTEMPTING TO INFILTRATE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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AMMUNITION DUMP LOCATED ON THE OUTER PERIMETER OF PLEIKU AIRBASE, IN A PREVIOUS ATTEMPT, AUGUST 28, SAPPERS SUCCESSFULLY DESTROYED TWO TRUCKS. ON SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10, COMMUNIST FORCES FIRED 57 47MM RR AND SMALL ARMS INTO A MILITARY CONVOY AND A CIVILIAN TRUCK TRAVELLING QL-19 CAUSING SLIGHT DAMAGE TO EACH.

6. KONTUM: MILITARY ACTIVITY IN KONTUM CONSISTED OF SEVERAL SMALL SCALE CONTACTS NE OF KONTUM CITY AND NW OF CHUONG NGHIA WITH INSIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES REPORTED. VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS HAVE OBSERVED SEVERAL CONSTRUCTION CREWS NE OF KONTUM CITY EMPLOYING BULLDOZERS TO IMPROVE COMMUNIST CONTROLLED LOC'S. IN PARTICULAR, THEY WERE SEEN WORKING ON 715 WHICH COULD PROVIDE A PRIMARY INFILTRATION ROUTE INTO BINH DINH.

7. BINH THUAN: ATTACKS THIS WEEK DIRECTED AGAINST THE SONG LUY REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AREA, QL-1 AND LTL 8B ARE CONSISTENT WITH COMMUNIST PLANS REVEALED PREVIOUSLY BY THE FORMER COMMANDER OF THE VC 200C SAPPER BN WHO RECENTLY RALLIED. EARLY REACTION BY TERRITORIAL SECURITY FORCES PREVENTED THE COMMUNIST FROM ACCOMPLISHING ANY OF THESE MISSIONS. INCIDENTS FOR THE WEEK WERE UP TO 48, THE HIGHEST TOTAL SINCE THE JANUARY 1973 CEASEFIRE. THE ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF 12 SHELLINGS, 10 GROUND CONTACTS, 7 MININGS, 7 ROAD BLOCKS, ABDUCTIONS, 4 ASSASSINATIONS AND 3

ACTS OF SABOTAGE. DURING THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 12, THE COMMUNISTS ERECTED 21 ROADBLOCKS ALONG ROUTE QL-1 WHICH GOVERNMENT FORCES CLEARED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. THE COMMUNISTS MORTARED THE SONG LUY RESETTLEMENT VILLAGE ON 7 OCCASIONS THIS WEEK, AND, SEPTEMBER 14, ELEMENTS OF THE 940 VC MAIN FORCE BATTALION ENTERED THE SITE AND ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE THE INHABITANTS TO FOLLOW THEM INTO THE JUNGLE. WHEN THE SETTLERS REFUSED, THE VC SET FIRE TO THEIR HOMES. EFFECTIVE REACTION ON THE PART OF RF/PF FORCES RESULTED IN THE KILLING OF 15 MEMBERS OF THE ATTACKING UNIT AND CAPTURE OF THREE WEAPONS. GVN AUTHORITIES ARRIVED EARLY THE NEXT DAY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND REASSURE THE VILLAGERS THAT THEY WOULD PROTECT THEM. ON SEPTEMBER 15, A VC SAPPER PLATOON ATTACKED DAI NAM VILLAGE DESTROYING THE HEADQUARTERS, THE POLICE STATION, A MEETING HALL AND KILLING 3 PSDF AND ONE RF CADRE.

8. PHU YEN: GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE PRE-OCCUPIED WITH THE PREVENTION OF COMMUNIST RICE COLLECTION ACTIVITIES. REGIONAL AND POPULAR
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FORCE UNITS HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO THREATENED AREAS WHERE THEY ARE PROVIDING SECURITY AND ASSISTING IN THE COLLECTION OF RICE AND ITS TRANSPORTATION TO SECURE LOCATIONS FOR STORAGE. AS IN PAST YEARS, THE COMMUNISTS ARE ABDUCTING VILLAGERS, INTENDING TO UTILIZE THEM IN SUPPORT OF THEIR RICE APPROPRIATION CAMPAIGN. ON SEPTEMBER 14, 24 YOUTHS FROM HOA VINH VILLAGE WERE ABDUCTED BY AN UNKNOWN COMMUNIST FORCE.

9. ICCS: THE PROV REP IN PLEIKU REPORTS THAT THE PA&E SITE MANAGER HAS ORDERS TO ISSUE NO MORE GASOLINE EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 28 FOR ALL PA&E EMPLOYEES. IRANIAN DELEGATES INQUIRED AS TO WHAT IT WOULD COST TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AT THE SITE FOR THEM ALONE. IT HAS BEEN OBSERVED THAT OFFICERS ON THE POLISH DELEGATION IN PLEIKU DISPLAY AN UNUSUAL DEGREE OF UNFAMILIARITY WITH TRADITIONAL MILITARY CUSTOMS AND COURTESIES. FURTHER MORE, THEY ALWAYS USE THE TITLE "MR." WHEN PROVIDING THEIR HOME ADDRESS. THE HEAD OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION, COL. SYMANTO, HAS JUST BEEN TRANSFERRED TO BIEN HOA AND WILL BE REPLACED BY LTC MERSAID.

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PART VII--MR-3.

1. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR-3 DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY AS COMMUNIST MAIN FORCE UNITS LET UP THEIR ATTACKS, APPARENTLY IN ORDER TO REGROUP AND RE-SUPPLY. THE AREA'S MAJOR SCENES OF CONFLICT AT BEN CAT, NORTHERN BIEN HOA AND TAY NINH WERE LESS ACTIVE. ONLY IN BINH LONG WAS THERE SOME INCREASE OF FIGHTING AS NVA/VC UNITS POUNDED REGIONAL FORCE POSITIONS SOUTH OF AN LOC. THERE WAS STEPPED UP COMMUNIST TERRORISM AND HARASSMENT IN THE FORM OF LIGHT ABF'S AGAINST RVNAF OUTPOSTS AS THE MAIN BATTLEFIELDS QUIETED DOWN. REGIONAL HQS DO NOT FORESEE ANOTHER "HIGH POINT" UNTIL ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER.

2. THE NUMBER OF MILITARY INCIDENTS IN MR-3 REMAINED ON A DOWNWARD TREND THIS WEEK DROPPING FROM LAST WEEK'S 213 TO 167 FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD. THERE WERE 27 GROUND CONTACTS (38 LAST PERIOD), 99 ATTACKS BY FIRE (124 LAST WEEK), AND 6 COMBINED GROUND AND ABF'S. THE NUMBER OF MININGS DROPPED DRAMATICALLY FROM 22 LAST WEEK TO 6 FOR THIS PERIOD AND THERE WERE 29 OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENTS. THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY CONTINUED IN BINH DUONG WHERE THERE WERE 64 INCIDENTS (COMPARED WITH 73 DURING THE PREVIOUS PERIOD), BINH LONG PROVINCE JUMPED INTO SECOND PLACE WITH 23 INCIDENTS (A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE OVER LAST WEEK'S 9) AND WAS FOLLOWED BY HAU NGHIA WITH 18 (14 LAST WEEK), BIEN HOA WITH 17 (CONSIDERABLY DOWN FROM LAST WEEK'S 43), AND TAY NINH WITH 12 (COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK'S 50).

3. NVA/VC ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRINGS WERE REPORTED AS 1,711

ROUNDS WHILE RVNAF FURTHER REDUCED THEIR EXPENDITURES, DROPPING TO ONLY 6,251 ROUNDS COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK'S 17,170 ROUNDS. VNAF'S 3RD AIR DIV FLEW 148 FIXED-WING SORTIES USING EXCLUSIVELY A-37 AIRCRAFT WHILE F-5 AND A-1 AIRCRAFT REMAINED GROUNDED. THERE WERE 84 HELICOPTER GUNSHIP SORTIES. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, ONE F-5-B DISAPPEARED WHILE ENROUTE FROM BIEN HOA TO MR-2. SEARCH EFFORTS HAVE FAILED TO FIND ANY CLUES OF THE AIRCRAFT'S WHEREABOUTS.
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4. GVN CASUALTIES FOR THE WEEK WERE REPORTED AS 75 KIA, 233 WIA, AND 53 MIA WHILE NVA/VC LOSSES WERE SET AT 39 KIA, 1 CIA, AND 5 RALLIERS. IN ADDITION, VNAF CLAIMED 119 NVA/VC KILLED BY AIR.

5. IN BINH LONG PROVINCE NVA/VC FORCES CONDUCTED DAILY SHELLINGS AGAINST RF POSITIONS IN THE AREA SOUTH OF AN LOC. ON SEPTEMBER 15 ALONE, COMMUNIST GUNNERS FIRED OVER 300 ROUNDS OF ASSORTED ARTY AGAINST 2 RF POSITIONS RESULTING IN RF LOSSES OF 4 KILLED AND 14 WOUNDED.

6. IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE ENEMY PRESSURE CONTINUED WITH MINOR ABF'S AND LIMITED GROUND CONTACTS CONTINUED AROUND BASE 82, AND THE 5TH ARVN DIV HQS AT LAI KHE RECEIVED SPORADIC SHELLING THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD WITH ONLY MINOR DAMAGE REPORTED.

7. THE MAJOR INCIDENT IN TAY NINH OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 10 WHEN AN ARVN CONVOY ATTEMPTED TO DRIVE PAST A FIRE FIGHT ON QL 22 BETWEEN RVNAF TERRITORIAL FORCES AND COMMUNIST UNITS BELIEVED TO BE A LOCAL TAY NINH FORCE. PART OF THE CONVOY SUCCESSFULLY MADE IT THROUGH THE AREA OF CONFLICT BUT THREE OF THE DRIVERS APPARENTLY PANICKED AND STOPPED THEIR VEHICLES WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROYED BY NVA/VC ROCKET FIRE.

8. IT WAS RELATIVELY QUIET IN NORTHERN BIEN HOA WHERE ENEMY UNITS, BELIEVED TO BE ELEMENTS OF THE 209TH NVA REGT, INITIATED SEVERAL MINOR ABF'S AGAINST THAI HUNG VILLAGE AND RVNAF FORCES OPERATING IN THE TAN UYEN DISTRICT ALONG ROUTE 16. BIEN HOA HAS HAD NO ROCKET ATTACK SINCE AUGUST 23.

9. THERE WERE 9 TERRORIST INCIDENTS REPORTED IN MR-3 DURING THIS PERIOD. SAPPERS BLEW UP A HAMLET OFFICE IN GIA DINH PROVINCE 7 KMS NE OF SAIGON. IN PHUOC TUY A WOMAN WAS ABDUCTED 4 KMS SW OF DUC THANH DISTRICT HQS. IN BINH DUONG SAPPERS BLEW UP A RESTAURANT IN PHUOC HOA HAMLET KILLING ONE CIVILIAN. TWO SAPPER ATTACKS IN HAU NGHIA'S TRANG BANG DISTRICT RESULTED IN GVN LOSSES OF 4 KILLED, 3 WOUNDED, AND 15 MISSING.

10. ICCS: INDODEL REPORTED THAT AS OF 15 SEPTEMBER NO GAS WAS AVAILABLE FOR CONDUCTING "OBSERVATIONS" SINCE P A & E HAD SUSPENDED THE ISSUANCE OF GAS TO ICCS FOR AUTOMOBILES. ONE DAY PRIOR TO THE
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CUT-OFF, HOWEVER, THE INDONESIAN TEAM AT LAM SON CONDUCTED TWO "OBSERVATIONS"; ONE INVOLVING A SURVEY OF DAMAGE RESULTING FROM A COMMUNIST ROCKET ATTACK ON BA BEP BRIDGE 5 KMS NE OF PHU HOA (BINH DUONG PROVINCE), AND ANOTHER INVOLVING AN NVA/VC ATTACK ON AN RVNAF OUTPOST IN PHU HOA CAUSING GVN LOSSES OF 4 KIA AND 4 WIA. IN ADDITION, ONE "GVN AMMUNITION DESTRUCTION" WAS OBSERVED AT LONG BINH BASE IN BIEN HOA. DURING THE SAME WEEK COL AGUS SOEPRAPTO FORMER INDODEL CHIEF IN ICCS REGION III, PLEIKU, RELIEVED INDONESIAN MARINE COL SOEMARI AS REGIONAL TEAM LEADER AT ICCS REGION V, BIEN HOA. COL SOEMARI DEPARTED TO ASSUME CHARGE OF INDODEL AT ICCS REGION VII, CAN THO.

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PART VIII--MR-4.

1. SECURITY SITUATION: (A) OVERALL SECURITY: MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE DELTA INCREASED SHARPLY THE FIRST DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD AND REMAINED HIGH THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INCREASED IN NEARLY ALL PROVINCES, THE MOST INTENSE FIGHTING IS STILL IN KIEN PHONG AND WESTERN DINH TUONG PROVINCES WHERE VC/NVA MAIN FORCE UNITS THREATEN MAJOR LOC'S AND ARE TRYING TO RE-ESTABLISH THEIR OWN LOGISTICS SYSTEM. CORPS REPORTS 516 VC/NVA-INITIATED INCIDENTS (188 LAST WEEK) CONSISTING OF 92 GROUND ATTACKS (29), ONE INFILTRATION (NONE), 282 ABF'S (99), 116 HARASSMENTS (43), 11 SABOTAGE (7), AND 14 TERRORIST INCIDENTS (10). GVN LOSSES ALSO ROSE SHARPLY TO 251 KIA (96), 891 WIA (490), 180 MIA (15), AND 14 CREW-SERVED (1) AND 415 INDIVIDUAL (58) WEAPONS LOST. CORPS CLAIMS 477 VC/NVA KILLED (342), 39 PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS CAPTURED (18), AND 16 CREW-SERVED (9) AND 148 INDIVIDUAL (119) WEAPONS SEIZED.

(B) NORTHERN DELTA: IN KIEN PHONG PROVINCE, HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUED IN CAO LANH AND KIEN VAN DISTRICTS. VC/NVA MF UNITS LAUNCHED REPEATED GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST NINE OUTPOSTS AND OVERRAN FOUR OF THEM INCLUDING RACH CHANH OB, ONLY ONE KM FROM THE PROVINCE CAPITAL. ALL OVERRUN OB'S WERE RETAKEN WITHIN ONE DAY. SECTOR COMMANDER BELIEVES ATTACKS IN CAO LANH (D) ARE AN EFFORT TO DRAW ARVN TROOPS OUT OF KIEN VAN (D), THE MAIN TARGET. HE HAS REQUESTED THAT 9TH ARVN DIVISION TROOPS NOT BE MOVED OUT OF KIEN VAN AND IS USING RF AND PF IN CAO LANH. IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE, A RECON COMPANY OF THE 10TH REGIMENT/ 7TH ARVN DIVISION KILLED 66 INFILTRATORS IN AN AMBUSH IN THUY DONG (V), TUYEN NHON (D). 7TH DIVISION COMMANDER BELIEVES THE INFILTRATORS WERE DESTINED FOR KIEN HOA PROVINCE. ELSEWHERE IN KIEN TUONG, ACTIVITY INCREASED BUT WAS LIMITED TO MININGS AND HARASSMENTS. TEN MINES WERE REMOVED FROM ROUTE 29 IN KIEN BINH (D), BUT ONE EXPLODED KILLING TWO CIVILIANS. ACTIVITY IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE INCREASED SLIGHTLY AND WAS CONCENTRATED IN CAI BE AND

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SAM GIANG DISTRICTS. TWO 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS KILLED 8 CIVILIANS AND WOUNDED 14 AT HAU QUOI HAMLET OFFICE, HAU MY (V), CAI BE. A GROUND ATTACK ON HAU QUOI I HAMLET OFFICE, ONLY 4 KM AWAY, KILLED A HAMLET CHIEF AND 3 PSDF. ONE OUTPOST IN HOI CU (V), CAI BE (D) AND ANOTHER IN LONG HUNG (V), SAM GIANG (D) WERE OVERRUN BUT LATER RETAKEN. CHAU DOC PROVINCE WAS QUIET, BUT PSDF, PF AND NATIONAL POLICE SEIZED TWO BOATS CARRYING LARGE QUANTITIES OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. AN GIANG AND GO CONG PROVINCES WERE QUIET.

(C) CENTRAL DELTA: KIEN HOA EXPERIENCED ITS MOST ACTIVE WEEK SINCE APRIL. MOST ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF HARASSMENT OF ISOLATED GVN OUTPOSTS, BUT MO CAY AND TRUC GIANG DISTRICT HQ'S AND AN DINH VILLAGE OFFICE (HUNG MY DISTRICT) RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT MORTAR FIRE. GIONG CUI OB IN AN DINH (V) RECEIVED HEAVY SHELLINGS AND, THOUGH THE OUTPOST HELD, TROOP MORALE THERE IS REPORTEDLY VERY LOW. KIEN HOA S-2 BELIEVES VC/NVA UNITS HAVE DISPERSED THEIR FORCES TO HARASS OB'S AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES. IN VINH BINH PROVINCE, CAU KE DISTRICT REMAINED QUIET, BUT THERE WERE HEAVY CONTACTS IN OTHER DISTRICTS. AN OUTPOST IN BINH PHU (V), CANG LONG (D) WAS OVERRUN AND A RELIEF FORCE SENT TO REOCCUPY THE OB WAS AMBUSHED, SUFFERING 19 WOUNDED. A PF PLATOON IN LONG TOAN (V), LONG TOAN (D) WAS ALSO OVERRUN; 14 PF ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. NEIGHBORING VINH LONG PROVINCE REPORTS RENEWED VC/NVA ACTIVITY IN TAM BINH DISTRICT AND ON TWO SIDES OF CHAU THANH DISTRICT. ROADBLOCKS APPEARED ON ROUTE 7A (VINH LONG TO VINH BINH) FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL MONTHS, AND TWO BRIDGES ON ROUTE 39 (FROM TRA ON DISTRICT TO ROUTE 7A) WERE BLOWN UP. THE S-2 BELIEVES VC/NVA FORCES WILL TARGET OUTPOSTS ALONG ROUTE 7A IN AN ATTEMPT TO INTERDICT IT. THERE IS INCREASING EVIDENCE OF SAGGING MORALE IN VINH LONG: MORE THAN TEN SOLDIERS OF THE 463 RF BATTALION DESERTED WHEN THEY HEARD THAT THEIR UNIT WAS ABOUT TO GO ON OPERATION, AND PF TROOPS IN AN OB IN HAU LOC (V), TAM BINH (D) ABANDONED THEIR POSITION AFTER LIGHT HARASSMENT AND REFUSED TO RETURN UNDER DIRECT ORDER AND THREAT OF PUNISHMENT. IN PHONG DINH PROVINCE, MOST OF THE POPULACE OF PHONG DIEN DISTRICT TOWN, 11 KM FROM CAN THO, LEFT TOWN AFTER REPEATED MORTARINGS IN WHICH 11 CIVILIANS WERE WOUNDED. TWO VILLAGE HQ'S--TRUONG LONG IN PHONG DIEN AND LE TAM IN THUAN NHON--WERE ABANDONED UNDER PRESSURE, BUT NEITHER HAD SIGNIFICANT CIVILIAN POPULATIONS. SA DEC PROVINCE
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REMAINED QUIET.

(D) KIEN GIANG PROVINCE: VC/NVA ACTIVITY INCREASED ALONG ROUTE 12 EARLY IN THE WEEK AND THEN SPREAD NORTH AND SOUTH. LONG THANH AND THOI AN VILLAGE HQ'S (KIEN BINH DISTRICT) WERE SHELLED, AND HOA QUAN VILLAGE HQ REPULSED ONE GROUND ATTACK BUT WAS LATER OVERRUN. OTHER KIEN BINH VILLAGE HQ'S RECEIVED SPORADIC MORTAR ROUNDS, AND KIEN AN DISTRICT TOWN WAS ROCKETED.

(E) SOUTHERN DELTA: IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE, CAI BAT AND BA BEO OUTPOSTS CAME UNDER HEAVY MORTAR FIRE. BOTH ARE LOCATED 6 KM SSW OF CA MAU ON STRATEGIC ENTRY POINTS TO THE PROVINCE CAPITAL. FIGHTING RESUMED IN TAN LOC (V), CANG LONG (D) THE LAST DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD; DETAILS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. IN BA XUYEN PROVINCE, VC/NVA ACTIVITY WAS CONCENTRATED ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER, WITH HEAVY PRESSURE ON OUTPOSTS ALONG THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE MY THANH RIVER. A NATIONAL POLICE BASE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE PROVINCE CAPITAL AND WATCHTOWER ON HIGHWAY 4 IN THANH PHU (V), MY XUYEN (D) CAME UNDER ATTACK, SUFFERING LIGHT CASUALTIES. FOR THE SECOND TIME IN FOUR MONTHS, A VC SQUAD INFILTRATED THE BA XUYEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE. ACTIVITY IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE INCREASED SHARPLY. KIEN HUNG DISTRICT TOWN WAS SHELLED REPEATEDLY, RESULTING IN TWO KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED. AN EXPLOSION IN A COFFEE SHOP IN THE SAME TOWN KILLED ONE AND WOUNDED FOUR. MOST OTHER GROUND ATTACKS AND ABF'S WERE AGAINST GVN OB' IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL PART OF THE PROVINCE, MOST OF WHICH ARE ON A MAJOR COMMO-LIASON ROUTE INTO THE D-1 REGIMENT AO. BAC LIEU PROVINCE WAS ALSO ACTIVE, PARTICULARLY IN NORTHERN VINH CHAU (D) WHERE THE PHU LOI I BATTALION SHELLED SEVERAL OB'S, INCLUDING ONE JUST 20 METERS FROM LAC HOA VILLAGE HQ. SEVERAL OB'S IN VINH HUNG (V), VINH LOI (D) WERE ALSO HARASSED.

2. ICCS AFFAIRS: IRANDEL AND INDODEL CONDUCTED AN OBSERVATION OF THE SHELLING OF THE PHONG DIEN DISTRICT TOWN MARKET (PHONG DINH PROVINCE) ON SEPTEMBER 16. WHILE THEY WERE IN THE MARKET, ANOTHER SHELL EXPLODED WITHIN SIGHT OF THEIR POSITION. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE REACTION FROM EITHER DELEGATION.
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